



United States Mission to the OSCE

Appointment of Ambassador Robert Bradtke as U.S. Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group September 7, 2009

The United States is pleased to announce the appointment of Ambassador Robert Bradtke as the next U.S. Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group.

Ambassador Bradtke brings to this position more than thirty-six years of Foreign Service experience and extensive expertise in European security policy. In July of this year, he completed a three year assignment as Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia. Prior to that, he served from 2001 to 2004 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, with responsibility for NATO and the OSCE. His other senior-level assignments include Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in London, Executive Assistant to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Ambassador Bradtke's overseas assignments include Moscow and Bonn.

The United States understands the critical importance of achieving a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We welcome recent positive dialogues between President Sargsian of Armenia and President Aliyev of Azerbaijan.

Secretary Clinton has indicated to the two Presidents her strong interest in the Minsk Group's ongoing efforts to bring the process to a fruitful conclusion, and the Obama Administration is committed to doing everything possible to support this goal.